An ORATION,

Spoken by the Woolcombers on the Return of PEACE, and in Commemoration of BISHOP BLAIZE.

AT length ſerener PEACE with orient rays,
Her gladd'ning luſtre to the world diſplays;
Long had ſhe left our ſea-encircled plain,
And War, deſpotic, triumph'd o'er the main:
With dauntleſs pow'r did foreign marts pervade,
And ſtem'd the placid currency of TRADE.
But now the clouds of dark deſpair are flown,
And COMMERCE re-aſſumes her former throne,
Now ceaſe the wretched orphans to impart
The pangs of horror to the feeling heart;
The widows tears again ſhall ceaſe to flow,
And happineſs ſucceed the ſource of woe:
Cheer'd by her mild benignity and grace
Aſpiring joy ſhall former grief efface!
Mount on the wings of extaſy, and ſoar
To heights of rapture ſeldom known before!
Tell Gallia's ſons, and proud Iberia's ſtate,
We've caught the laurels from propitious fate:
Waft the glad tidings to the diſtant ſhore*,
Where the atlantic waves in rolling ſurges roar;
There equal joy ſhall greet the welcome news,
And FRIENDSHIP ſhall her lenient balms diffuſe:
But here, ſupported by returning peace—
JASON again preſents the GOLDEN FLEECE.
See there the victor†!—There the Grecian prize‡!
Bright as the ſtarry grandeur of the ſkies!
Two Godlike youths§ the grand retinue grace,
Alike in valour, as alike in face;
There too the Reverend Sage‖! whoſe ſtudious head
Gave to ten thouſands (yet unborn) their bread:
Thrice happy we!—who o'er the ſpacious earth
Boaſt ſuch unrivall'd dignity and worth!
Again ſelf-pleas'd induſtry deigns to ſmile,
Elate with joy, and cheers the Britiſh iſle:
Borne on her ſoaring wings immortal FAME
Shall waft to every ſtate Britannia's name,
While we the joyous call of mirth obey,
And crown with jovial glee th'auſpicious day.

* America. † To Jaſon. ‡ To the Fleece. § To Caſtor and Pollux. ‖ To Biſhop Blaize.

ORDER OF THE PROCESSION.

FOUR TRUMPETERS.

MARSHAL-MAN.

PEACE.

ORATOR.

BANNER OF BRITANNIA.

PLENTY.

DRUMS AND FIFES.

TWENTY ARGONAUTS.

HERCULES.

LYNCEUS. THE GOLDEN FLEECE, TIPHY.

ZETES. Borne on a GRAND PALANQUIN by Four Men. CALAIS.

ORPHEUS.

CASTOR. JASON DRAWN IN A PHAETON BY FOUR HORSES. POLLUX.

STANDARD OF THE ARGONAUTS.

TWENTY ARGONAUTS.

MILITIA BAND.

STANDARD OF THE CITY.

TWO VERGERS.

ORATOR.

BISHOP'S CHAPLAIN IN A PHAETON AND PAIR.

PAGE. BISHOP BLAIZE PAGE.

IN A PHAETON DRAWN BY SIX HORSES.

STANDARD OF THE CITY.

The BOOK-KEEPERS, SHEPHERDS and SHEPHERDESSES belonging to the different Societies of Combers——Twelve Companies.

Seven Companies on Foot.——Five Ditto on Horseback.